

are ill or unable to care for themselves. Economically, women are increasingly the primary breadwinners in immigrant families, making it more likely for the family to open a small business or purchase a home. Women are also the primary drivers of immigrant integration for the entire family, encouraging others to learn English and integrate effectively into the community.

We believe that Hirono #1504 is essential to ensuring that we do not inadvertently cement discrimination against women into U.S. immigration law. The amendment would establish a Tier 3 merit-based point system that would provide a fair opportunity for women to compete for merit-based green cards. Complementary to the high-skilled Tier 1 and the lower-skilled Tier 2, the new Tier 3 would include professions commonly held by women so as not to limit women's opportunities for economic-focused immigration. It would provide 30,000 Tier 3 visas and would not reduce the visas available in the other merit-based Tiers.

America has always held out hope and opportunity to millions of women across the world. Women move here to make life better for themselves and their families. They move seeking freedom and opportunity often denied in other places. As Americans, we honor and celebrate our unique commitment to protecting families and giving equal opportunities and respect to women and girls. We need our immigration system to reflect that commitment, and to provide opportunities to everyone, including women.

We urge you to support Hirono #1504 and help ensure fairness for women in immigration reform. If you have any questions, please contact Pramila Jayapal at We Belong Together: Women for Common-Sense Immigration Reform at pjayapal@me.com or June Zeitlin at The Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights at zeitlin@civilrights.org.

Sincerely,

18Million Rising.org, 9to5, Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, ALIGN New York, Alliance for a Just Society, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, American Jewish Committee, Asian American Justice Center, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, Breakthrough, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice, Campaign for Community Change (CCC), Capuchin Justice and Peace Office, Carmelites, Vedruna ICJP, Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities, Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc., Chinese American planning council, inc., Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Refugee and Immigration Ministries, Church World Service, CLUE Santa Barbara.

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights, Communication Workers of America, Conference of Major Superiors of Men, CUNY Law Immigrant Initiatives, Daughters of Wisdom, Dominican Sisters of Houston, DRUM—Desis Rising Up & Moving, Family Values @ Work Consortium, Farmworker Justice, Feminist Majority, Franciscan Action Network, Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights, Good Shepherd Immigration Study Group, Hispanic Center of Western Michigan, IHM Justice, Peace and Sustainability Office, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, Immigration Equality Action Fund, Institute for Women in Migration (IMUMI), International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW).

Japanese American Citizens League, Justice and Peace Committee, Sisters of St. Jo-

seph of West Hartford CT, Korean Americans for Political Advancement (KAPA), LatinoJustice PRLDEF, Leadership Conference of Women Religious, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, MinKwon Center for Community Action, MomsRising.org, National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF), National Center for Lesbian Rights, National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NLDON), National Domestic Workers Alliance, National Employment Law Project, National Federation of Filipino American Associations, National Immigrant Justice Center, National Immigration Law Center, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, National Women's Law Center.

OCA-NY Asian Pacific American Advocates, OneAmerica, Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, PICO National Network, Presentation Sisters, Religious Sisters of Charity, School Sisters of Notre Dame JPIC Office Atlantic-Midwest Province, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community, Sisters of St. Francis, Tiffin, OH, Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT), Tahirih Justice Center, Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition, The Advocates for Human Rights, The Episcopal Church, The New American Leaders Project, Unid@s, Union of sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, US Province, United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Women, Violence Intervention Program, West Michigan Coalition for Immigration Reform, We Belong Together Campaign, Women's Refugee Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF ANTHONY RENARD FOXX TO BE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Anthony Renard Foxx, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Transportation.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes for debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I am chairman of the Commerce Committee. Mayor Anthony Foxx, who is absolutely superb, someone as a mayor, which I like, secondly as an expert on transportation, intermodal and otherwise. He understands the lay of the land and he has done it.

He was passed without a single dissenting vote of either party in the Commerce Committee. That is quite remarkable these days. He is a superb and qualified person who is very much needed to overlook our enormous transportation system which is in trouble. I hope my colleagues will support him.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Who yields time in opposition?

Mr. CORNYN. We yield back all time. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Anthony Renard Foxx, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Transportation?

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 100, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 165 Ex.]

YEAS—100

Alexander	Flake	Murkowski
Ayotte	Franken	Murphy
Baldwin	Gillibrand	Murray
Barrasso	Graham	Nelson
Baucus	Grassley	Paul
Begich	Hagan	Portman
Bennet	Harkin	Pryor
Blumenthal	Hatch	Reed
Blunt	Heinrich	Reid
Boozman	Heitkamp	Risch
Boxer	Heller	Roberts
Brown	Hirono	Rockefeller
Burr	Hoeven	Rubio
Cantwell	Inhofe	Sanders
Cardin	Isakson	Schatz
Carper	Johanns	Schumer
Casey	Johnson (SD)	Scott
Chambliss	Johnson (WI)	Sessions
Chiesa	Kaine	Shaheen
Coats	King	Shelby
Coburn	Kirk	Stabenow
Cochran	Klobuchar	Tester
Collins	Landrieu	Thune
Coons	Leahy	Toomey
Corker	Lee	Udall (CO)
Cornyn	Levin	Udall (NM)
Cowan	Manchin	Vitter
Crapo	McCaill	Warner
Cruz	McConnell	Warren
Donnelly	Menendez	Whitehouse
Durbin	Merkley	Wicker
Enzi	Mikulski	Wyden
Feinstein	Moran	
Fischer		

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT—Continued

AMENDMENTS NOS. 1552 AND 1553 WITHDRAWN

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the pending amendments Nos. 1552 and 1553 are withdrawn.

The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Madam President, the pending business, then, is the committee-reported substitute amendment, with all postcloture time having been expired; is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. I raise a point of order that the Reed of Rhode Island amendment is no longer in order due to the adoption of the amendment No. 1183.